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Captain II Kevin L. Kincaid, 18th Recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award



Edward L. Stinnette

From The Fire Chief . . .

"As a member of this organization you have a binding obligation to maintain this integrity because it forms the base for our reliability, dependability, and our honor."

Of all the core values included in the Fire and Rescue Department's Statement of Core Values, integrity stands out as a major component. I'd like to take a moment to discuss this value.

Webster's dictionary has a very broad definition and at first glance it would almost appear to imply that integrity is a limited trait. Webster's defines it as "a firm adherence to a code . . . of moral or artistic value . . . incorruptibility." Integrity relates directly to the image our profession projects to the public—a trust in the men and women of our profession that they can depend upon whenever a citizen calls 911. In our profession, the public does not have the opportunity to search the yellow pages to find someone to respond to their needs. Because of this, citizens expect, and rightly so, that no one in our profession could, or would, take advantage of them when they are most vulnerable. As such, our integrity has to be of the highest standard, and every member of our department must continually be above reproach in the performance of our daily duties. This same standard must be applied as we interact with each other.

As a firefighter or a paramedic you have unlimited access to citizens homes during trying and vulnerable moments. With the exception that

you represent the Fire and Rescue Department, you are a complete stranger. A citizen implicitly trusts what we do professionally and otherwise when tending to their needs. Why? Because of the strong trust they have for all members of our profession. And they have that trust because they believe the members of our profession have integrity. Integrity is knowing that the trust citizens have in our members will not be broken. The public realizes that the standards we have set are absolute, and above reproach, because without standards we have no trust, and without trust we have no value. As a member of this organization you have a binding obligation to maintain this integrity because it forms the base for our reliability, dependability, and our honor.

Each of you has an obligation to uphold our integrity by ensuring the trust that has been developed by all members of our profession is never broken and that trust should be strengthened with each interaction with citizens, coworkers, friends, family, and complete strangers. When your integrity is above reproach, and when you honor your profession, you have set the ultimate standard of service and excellence and have adhered to a professional code that includes as its key ingredient, INTEGRITY. ♦

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From The Editor . . .



With the recent arrival of the FY 2002 Annual Report & 2003 Calendar to all work locations, it provides members at all levels an opportunity to share "who we are and what we do" with citizens, organizations, and businesses alike throughout the County. Targeted distribution is important as we want you the member and the publication to help raise awareness of what we do, and to educate our citizenry on the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

As we go about our every day business, whatever our role, it's important that we attempt to provide our customers with something that will help add value to our mission and how we

perform it. Almost everyone has an opportunity to participate. If you're a firefighter in the field, a building inspector, fire investigator, an administrative assistant, a worker in the warehouse, a mechanic, everyone has an opportunity get the word out and share with the right people our story and what we do. The annual report can be your entrée to accomplishing this all important work.

I have been challenged to market and share who we are and what we do on a more global level. I accept that challenge and will do everything possible to make that happen. I invite you to accept the same challenge at your level.



Community Outreach Highlights



Firefighter George N. Pancione, Fire and Rescue Station 12, C-Shift, shakes hands with children at Lake Anne Nursery Kindergarten (LANK) located in the Reston area. On October 9, 2002, personnel from LANK presented firefighters with a check for \$1,700 to benefit the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County.

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Success is waking up in the morning, whoever you are, wherever you are, however old or young, and bounding out of bed because there's something out there that you love to do, that you believe in, that you're good at—something that's bigger than you are, and you can hardly wait to get at it again today.

— Whit Hobbs

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A Core Value: Professional Excellence

*Deputy Chief David L. Rohr
Fire and Rescue Academy*

As we look further at our strategic plan and put it into practice each day, I want to focus on the core value of professional excellence. The continuous training and professional development of our personnel are two of the most critical elements that will help move the department forward to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Training and professional development make up the true heart of Professional Excellence. Neither of these items are new to any member of our department. We must, however, continue in these endeavors to provide the best service to the residents and visitors of our community.

What does it all mean? I am continuously amazed at the talent displayed throughout our organization at every level. Civilian and uniformed personnel provide valuable input daily to the direction of the Fire and Rescue Department. We need to continue to *be* committed, not just involved.

Continuous training must take place at all levels within the organization. We do a great job of meeting required training mandates and recertification requirements. We will continue to do this, but we must explore alternate delivery methods to take advantage of technology and address the needs and concerns of our members. As the department grows, we are realizing the need to decentralize our training delivery to meet logistical challenges of bringing companies and personnel to one central location.

We must look at systems and operational plans already in place. Members at every level must exercise the plans on a regular basis to deal with events that are outside of everyday incidents (tornado, MCI, etc). These operational plans usually touch many divisions and support personnel within the department; and we must exercise them on a regular basis. This must be done at a local and regional level.

Changes in building codes and construction features will change the way we do business in the future. The Fire and Rescue Department needs to identify these issues and address them through training and policy changes if needed. Company level personnel need to continue to train at the station level. Various practices and strategies defined at the Academy must be taken back to the field and continually reinforced.

Another ingredient of professional **excellence** is professional development. What is professional development and what does it mean to the Fire and Rescue Department? One important part of professional development is the department's career development program. We have made significant strides in the administrative and implementation of the career development program since bringing our new program manager on board. We must continue to make improvements in the program and ensure all members know and understand the objectives and opportunities of the career development program. The focus of career development must be to provide employees with relevant job training opportunities that will help them in the performance of their duties as professionals.

The core value states "**...the pursuit of excellence and demonstrating high professional standards are critical to our work.**" This is absolutely true and pieces of that are scattered throughout the various core values of the strategic plan. Professional development may be as simple as keeping up with the latest safety practices, techniques, and equipment. Professional journals, the intranet, and professional organizations are rich sources of information to help us stay on top of our game.

Individuals at all levels must challenge themselves. Networking with other organizations and individuals is another form of professional development that must be practiced

Captain II Kevin L. Kincaid Receives Department's Highest Award

Captain II Kevin L. Kincaid has been selected as the 2002 Career Firefighter of the Year. Captain Kincaid, a 23-year veteran, provided the key leadership and guidance in the early development and opening of the Public Safety and Occupational Health Center beginning in 1997. The center with its comprehensive preventive programs has already been credited in saving the lives of several firefighters and paramedics through early intervention of serious and undetected medical conditions and diseases.

Additionally, he supervised the Safety Officer Program and the Infection Control Officer Program, ensuring greater safety and protection for firefighters while performing their duties. His attention to detail and profound oversight in both these programs has produced leading edge results.

As the Compliance Officer within the Department, he provided key assistance in implementing a comprehensive Hepatitis C screening program for all uniformed members. He was also instrumental in acquiring a grant from a pharmaceutical manufacturer to assist with Hepatitis C education, awareness, prevention, and screening.

Captain Kincaid continues to provide community service for individuals in need and

less fortunate. For several years, he has coordinated and been a key player in the United Way of the Washington Metropolitan area. Of particular note was his hard work in assisting Fairfax County community agencies in renovating vacant homes by professional firefighters. The homes were required specifically for the physically and mentally challenged.

As a long-time EAC representative, Captain Kincaid has kept in the forefront the well-being of all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel. He has used his own time in researching pay plans of other local jurisdictions and showing the disparity among the jurisdictions resulting in better pay for firefighters and paramedics.

He is the eighteenth recipient of the Firefighter of the Year award. It is the Department's highest award and was established to provide special recognition for outstanding service and dedication that is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Captain Kincaid's dedication, selfless service, and extraordinary initiative, at all times, has qualified him to be selected as this year's Firefighter of the Year. ❖

if we are to operate as a member of the community and provide effective emergency services. Professional development in our department means that we must look at our leadership role. What are the most important leadership roles? Employee development, communications, and change management are

some of the biggest challenges we face as managers. These leadership challenges must be included in our training and professional development plans as we move forward to provide the best possible service for our community and citizens. ❖

Hard Work, Initiative, Creates Annandale Fitness Facility

*By Captain Keith H. Johnson
Fire and Rescue Station 8, A-Shift*

Returning to Annandale Fire and Rescue Station 8 after a long period of assignments elsewhere, one of my first tasks was that of finding my way around the station. I was eager to get upstairs and see what had taken place in the old bunkroom, which was originally, the Annandale bingo hall. Upon arrival I found an area that was deserted and lacked any sort of useful purpose. I was surely disappointed that no use was found for this large, valuable space.

In November 2000, I contacted Lieutenant Patrick Morrison of Occupational Health and Safety, as well as Captain II Ricky Hess of Annandale Fire and Rescue Station 8, to inquire about the possibility of relocating the small and overcrowded downstairs weight room to this vacant upstairs area. I remember how the downstairs area at Penn Daw Fire and Rescue Station 11 was transformed from a storage area to a state of the art fitness facility. Lieutenant Morrison became extremely interested and supportive. Pat and I met at the station and we started to map out in our minds the layout of the room and then discussed our strategy for beginning this project. I spoke to the members of my shift and asked who would be willing to assist with the needed renovations that needed to take place in order to make this space useable. With everyone seeming to be eager but just a little doubtful, we proceeded with the task of renovating the area while Sandra Witt from

Occupational Health and Safety proceeded with procuring the necessary equipment. Our first task was getting the approval of the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) to allow us to use this area. We proceeded with this as a joint project that would benefit not only the Professional Firefighters of Fairfax County, but also the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department.

After the approval was granted, the task of

renovating the area would begin. Using station personnel we began removing the old bunkroom partition walls, carpet, and then patched drywall. We removed all of the old ceiling tiles and replaced them with new tiles purchased by the AVFD. All of the walls, trim, and ceiling



grids were painted, new fire escape doors were installed, floors stripped and waxed, fans installed, and weight equipment was relocated from downstairs to upstairs. An outside vendor was contracted to install the mirrors on the walls and installation of the rubber floor. The members of the station completed the majority of the work, with much of it taking place during evening hours and some off-duty days.

During the spring of 2002, the project that began as a dream was nearly complete. Many hours of work by the firefighters of Fire and Rescue Station 8 had finally paid off and we were now beginning to feel the benefits. With the delivery of many additional strength and aerobic conditioning machines, we now have a fitness

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A Rewarding Profession, Without a Doubt

By Firefighter Jessica P. Spear
Fire and Rescue Station 39, C-Shift

Throughout our careers we witness some of the worst elements of human life, yet we strive to make a positive impact. It is these positive moments that make this job worthwhile. One such moment recently happened in the first battalion on C-Shift.

On May 22, 2002, Engine 439, Medic 404, and EMS1 were dispatched to Center Harbor Road at North Village Road for a child struck by a vehicle. Rescue 439 and Battalion Chief One also added to the call.

Upon arrival there was a large gathering of people around a child lying in the road. Arriving first, the Rescue Company began patient care while providing scene safety and traffic control. Bystanders advised the child had been riding his bicycle that now was lying 50 feet from the child under a sport utility vehicle. The patient was laid supine in the street, with obvious multiple head injuries.

Company 39 units worked together to assess and treat the child. His appearance and the mechanism of injury led to a rapid decision to make him a trauma "load and go" victim that would benefit from air transport. The patient was quickly and safely moved into the back of Medic 404 after being secured to the backboard. Engine 425 established the landing zone at a nearby elementary school.

Throughout this incident, as in many where the

patient cannot communicate with rescuers, the child's name and medical history was unknown. As the crews picked up and headed back to their stations, the last update from the helicopter indicated that "the child was not doing well."



Left to right, back row: Firefighter Erik A. Rhodes, Technician Stacie L. Lawton, Firefighter William A. Sutphin, Master Technician Jeffrey T. Wharton, Battalion Chief Robert E. Witherow, Lieutenant Charles D. Mills, Lieutenant George L. Diaz, Firefighter Richard S. Slepetz, Captain II William R. Kingdon, and Firefighter Clifford A. Watson. Left to right front row: Technician Jessica P. Spears, Matt, and Firefighter Kris A. Sacra.

For days and weeks after the incident, members of C-Shift attempted to find out about the patient's condition. For various reasons, fire and rescue personnel were unable to obtain any update on his condition.

That all changed on July 1, 2002, when Fire and Rescue Station 39 personnel received some special visitors. "Our" young child from the bicycle accident and his family came back to say thank you.

It was amazing to hear the circumstances that surrounded his recovery. Matt was in the hospital for 22 days. He had been on a respirator for the majority of his stay and had endured various complications. His family had experienced many ups and downs throughout his recovery, but ultimately he proved himself resilient.

Matt is an eleven-year-old boy who had beaten the odds of a severe, life-threatening head injury and was able to walk into our station with no visible deficits. For those of us involved, it was the adrenaline rush of a lifetime to know that a child that was severely injured had survived.

His mother, stepfather, and father were

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Hot Shots



Firefighters were dispatched to a townhouse fire at 2205 Southgate Square in the Reston area. Two adults and two children escaped from the two-alarm townhouse fire without serious injury, the two adults were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for minor injuries. Fire investigators determined that an unattended candle caused the fire that resulted in damage estimated at \$100,00.



This early morning fire, at the Value Inn motel in Penn Daw on November 23rd, was quickly extinguished by C-Shift firefighters from "The Highway". An adult male perished in the fire and investigators have filed criminal charges in the case.



Firefighter Stacie L. Lawton (Fire and Rescue Station 14, C-Shift) assists with a vehicle crash extrication on November 18, 2002. The crash occurred on Braddock Road near the intersection of Wakefield Chapple Road. One patient was extricated from a minivan and transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with minor injuries.



Upon arrival at 6129 Leesburg Pike, in the Falls Church area, firefighters found fire coming from a sixth floor apartment. The occupant from the blazing sixth floor apartment, awoke to find himself on fire, went out onto the balcony, lowered himself to the fifth floor balcony and waited for firefighters to arrive. The burn victim, with second and third degree burns over 90 percent of his body was rescued from the fifth floor balcony by firefighters. The two-alarm blaze, started by an unattended candle, resulted in damage estimated at \$100,000.

106th Recruit School



*Firefighter
Michael R. Boub
Station 8, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Hugh C. Clarke
Station 29, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Felicia N. Cooksey
Station 15, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Yolanda Covington
Station 8, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Mark J. Deyneka
Station 26, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Michael E. Duffy
Station 30, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Lawrence L. Ellison
Station 30, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Joel J. Kobersteen
Station 36, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Mark E. Kordalski
Station 15, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Michael S. Lee
Station 39, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Lusi A. Mata
Station 9, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Douglas L. Miller
Station 29, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Kenneth M. Nesmith
Station 24, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Miguel Obleas
Station 39, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Stephen J. Painter
Station 34, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Christopher Sampl
Station 27, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Daniel M. Sova
Station 34, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Spencer L. Spinner
Station 13, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Jeffrey D. Tubaugh
Station 23, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Robert E. Wells
Station 39, C-Shift*

People are the principle asset of any company, whether it makes things to sell, sells things made by other people, or supplies intangible services.

J. C. Penney

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facility that is second-to-none. Assigned personnel can be extremely proud of what they have accomplished. They have displayed a tremendous amount of pride in their jobs and the station. This project would not have been a success without the involvement and cooperation of many people. I would like to thank all of the personnel at Fire and Rescue Station 8; the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department; Bob Mizer, Volunteer Liaison; Resource Management personnel; and especially Lieutenant Patrick Morrison and Sandy Witt of Occupational Health and Safety.



Top 10 Activity Report

August/October 2002

| Ambulance | | Engine Company | | Rescue Company | |
|-----------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Unit | Calls | Unit | Calls | Unit | Calls |
| A 413 | 575 | E 410 | 748 | R 421 | 408 |
| A 408 | 565 | E 409 | 740 | R 426 | 403 |
| A 409 | 550 | E 411 | 719 | R 418 | 352 |
| A 430 | 498 | E 408 | 698 | R 401 | 306 |
| A 434 | 484 | E 401 | 681 | R 411 | 288 |
| A 410 | 468 | E 429 | 680 | R 439 | 232 |
| A 411 | 456 | E 422 | 676 | R 419 | 223 |
| A 414 | 446 | E 411 | 647 | R 414 | 220 |
| A 428 | 429 | E 404 | 646 | | |
| A 431 | 422 | E 413 | 642 | | |

| Medic | | Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains | | Ladder Company | |
|-------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Unit | Calls | Unit | Calls | Unit | Calls |
| M 418 | 808 | EMS 5 | 405 | T 410 | 373 |
| M 408 | 653 | EMS 4 | 382 | T 429 | 351 |
| M 410 | 621 | EMS 3 | 360 | T 425 | 349 |
| M 422 | 621 | EMS 2 | 292 | T 422 | 309 |
| M 426 | 619 | EMS 6 | 279 | T 408 | 298 |
| M 409 | 600 | EMS 1 | 264 | T 430 | 261 |
| M 404 | 582 | BC 03 | 178 | T 436 | 244 |
| M 411 | 582 | BC 04 | 166 | T 411 | 226 |
| M 429 | 582 | BC 06 | 159 | T 405 | 225 |
| M 425 | 581 | BC 05 | 141 | T 401 | 202 |

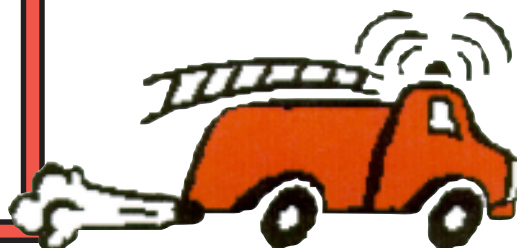
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compelled to personally visit the firefighters and paramedics to show them their son was alive because, in their words, of the "actions that were taken at the emergency incident scene."

This job has many rewards. Many go unnoticed, while others are accepted as "part of the job."

The personal and heartfelt thank you from Matt and his family has made the crew at Fire and Rescue Station 39, C-Shift remember what we have is not to be taken for granted. ❖

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



Large Loss Fire Investigations

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| Date: 07/05/02 Box: 3006 Address: 8734 Cherry Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental – Electrical Value: \$350,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/05/02 Box: 3800 Address: 6002 Raina Drive Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental - Fireworks Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/07/02 Box: 3110 Address: 12304 Scotch Bonnet Court Type: House Cause: Incendiary – Barricade Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/08/02 Box: 1804 Address: 2946 Strathmore Street Type: Outside Cause: Accidental Value: \$433,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/17/02 Box: 0923 Address: 7737 Schelhorn Road Type: House Cause: Accidental – Electrical Value: \$139,475 Loss: \$65,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/22/02 Box: 0504 Address: 6301 Rose Hill Drive Type: Outside Cause: Incendiary – Fireworks Value: \$65,000 Loss: \$65,000 Status: Inactive |
| Date: 7/22/02 Box: 0810 Address: 4312 Ravensworth Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental – Spontaneous Value: \$2,518,665 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/26/02 Box: 3204 Address: 10331 Bridgetown Place Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental – Exposure Value: \$360,000 Loss: \$90,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 07/31/02 Box: 1921 Address: 7836 Marconi Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental – Smoking Value: \$110,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 08/01/02 Box: 2200 Address: 7204 Sumpter Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental – Lighting Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 08/03/02 Box: 0322 Address: 4699 Forestdale Drive Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental – Lightning Value: \$209,258 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 8/03/02 Box: 3414 Address: 10856 Meadow Pond Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental – Candle Value: \$800,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 08/22/02 Box: 0411 Address: 12545 Rock Ridge Road Type: House Cause: Accidental – Charcoal Value: \$590,000 Loss: \$360,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 08/23/02 Box: 3705 Address: 7710 Haynes Point Way Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental – Gas Leak Value: \$1,500,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |
| Date: 08/26/02 Box: 2808 Address: 3434 Malbrook Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental – Electrical Value: \$462,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed |

Awards & Presentations

Team Performance

2778 Blocker Place

Engine 430

Captain I Michael J. Piantedosi
Firefighter Robert G. Ritchie
Technician Brent M. Schnupp
Firefighter Christopher T. Bell

Tower 430

Lieutenant Michael B. Davis
Technician Edmund R. Neach
Firefighter Thomas L. Flint

Engine 418

Captain Danny Bickham
Technician Sean T. Evans
Master Technician Kent E. Watts
Technician Laurie W. Dawson

Medic 418

Lieutenant Matthew J. Nacy
Lieutenant Linda R. Arnold

Rescue 418

Lieutenant David Conrad
Technician Rex E. Strickland
Technician David W. Barlow

EMS4

Captain II Stuart L. Smith

Unit Citation

Center Harbor Road

Engine 439

Captain I James J. Walsh
Technician Jessica P. Spears
Firefighter Kris A. Sacra
Firefighter Stacie L. Lawton

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Medic 404

Lieutenant Glenn D. Kaplan
Firefighter Eric A. Rhoads

Rescue 439

Lieutenant Charles D. Mills
Master Technician
Jeffrey T. Wharton
Firefighter William A. Sutphin
Firefighter Richard S. Slepetz

*Richmond Highway***Rescue 411**

Lieutenant James J. Istvan
Technician Michael J. Grevlich
Master Technician
Stephen M. Johnson
Technician Danny C. Mitchell

*Byron Avenue***Rescue 419**

Lieutenant Robert E. Wheeler
Firefighter Stefan C. Gansert
Master Technician
Richard E. Bright

Rescue 426

Lieutenant Fred H. Brandell
Technician Terry I. Fayson
Master Technician John W. Richter
Master Technician
Mitchell D. Lake

Career Achievement Award

Master Technician
Kenneth W. Sanders
Technician Patrick R. Raffert

**Safe Driving Awards****3 Years**

Technician Luther D. Campbell
Technician Glenn A. Mason

6 Years

Lieutenant Jon P. Bruley
Lieutenant Craig S. Luecke
Technician Richard M. Arthur
Lieutenant Ellis M. Murphy
Technician Richard C. Vannoy
Technician Anita J. Whitfield
Lieutenant Kenneth L. Coffelt
Technician Rocco Alvaro
Master Technician
Stephen T. O'Brien

"Taking Up"



**Lieutenant
Joseph W. Beavers**

Entry Date: August 21, 1972
Retirement Date: August 27, 2002
Assignments: Fire and Rescue
Stations: 21, 13, 1, 2, 25, 17, 38, and 32

Likes about the Fire Department:

Doing under carriage cleaning, street drills, hose testing, taking details across the County, staying up all night on calls, last day equipment wash (even if it's raining), alarm bells, 6X patients that vomit, being held over on Christmas Day, and putting on snow chains.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: All of the friends I have made over the years. All of the good home cooked meals, most firefighters are great cooks and I have a big appetite.

Plans for the future: Spend more time with my wife, kids, and grandkids. Sand counting as of August 15, 2002. Continue tree work, hunt, enjoy life, and travel.

Words of wisdom: The defibrillator and drug box have been passed to a new generation of paramedics.

What got you interested in the fire service? My dad (50 years of service at the Plains Volunteer Fire Department), the desire to help people in need, and it's every kids dream.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Everyone you work with or have contact with makes an impact, whether positive or negative. You cannot live alone in this world. Your life touches other people.



**Captain I
Daniel D. Bickham**

Entry Date: October 2, 1967
Retirement Date: April 19, 2002

What a career! I remember when I was getting out of the Navy in 1967 and was asked why I don't stay in and see more of the world. I was ate up with the fire department and didn't care about seeing any more of the world. Little did I know of the adventures yet to come in my future in the fire

department: Russia-1988; Philippines-1990; Kenya-1998; Ismit, Turkey; Taiwan; and Douze, Turkey-1999. Wow! I have enjoyed every minute I have spent in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (except a three-hour time frame with Craig Buckley and Chief Isman). Thirty-five years passed so fast I don't even think I am old-er.

Your career is what you make of it. Have a proper attitude, do your best at everything and don't ever forget that we are a team. Everything we do in this job is dependent on other members. I have gotten many praises from supervisors, politicians, my peers and people I don't even know, but nothing I have done or accomplished could have happened if I hadn't had great shifts/friends my whole career. I would like to name all of you that have made my career so great but there are so many of you I would be afraid I would leave someone out and that wouldn't be right.

Not everything is going to go your way. My uncle once told me after a little complaining, "show me in the book of life the chapter on fair." That sunk in and has helped me to have a good attitude. Everyone needs to put his or her priorities in order. Always put your family first. It took me a long time to learn that but having my wonderful wife, Janet, for 38 years makes me a grateful man. We have all seen that since September 11, 2001, your life can change immediately. Imagine if you had said something hurtful to a loved one or friend and you never had a chance to make amends. That would be a terrible burden to carry the rest of your life.

Finally, this is a great job with many opportunities. If you are not willing to put your life on the line for a perfect stranger, without

hesitation, then you should consider another career. If you are not willing to hustle on emergency calls and respond rapidly, you should look for another career. If you are not willing to become part of a very large extended family, you should look for another career. If you are not ready to make sacrifices, you are in the wrong job.

My best assignments were Fire and Rescue Station 18, the best; VATF-1; and Fire and Rescue Station 26. Some helpful hints: don't ever tick-off Marty Smith, Dallas Slemple, Brenda Tinscher (now Laurie Varnau), Dean Cox, Howard Timmons, Paul Carlin, OPS6, Andy Hubert, Don Booth, or any of the task force logistics guys.

I have to do this, thank you my SOD's Dewey, Big Ed (Jr.), Gery, Craig, Jon, Jim, Huey, Kevin, Johnny C., Mark, Todd, Brian, Big Dave, Jimmy Ault, Jerome, and of course Kea and every single VATF-1 member. I will miss you guys and you are my family.



**Battalion Chief
William L. Bullock**

Entry Date: January 3, 1977

Retirement Date: September 20, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations: 22, 2, 8, 19, 11, 9, 5, Safety Officer, EMS Administration, EMS2, EMS6, BC5, and BC6

Likes about the Fire Department: Everyday is a challenge. Plan on

learning something new every day.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Many friends and the good people and running emergency calls.

Plans for the future: Complete the incorporation process for a public safety consulting business; attend more NASCAR races; and spend more time on the golf course and at my favorite fishing hole.

Words of wisdom: Our world and the citizens we serve continue to change everyday. Make the personal commitment to meet these changes.

What got you interested in the fire service? Dave Bridges

Who or what made an influence in your career? Battalion Chief Richard Burbank, Chief's Glenn Gaines and Warren Isman, and Captain Geoff McNamara.



**Lieutenant
Paul A. Carrico**

Entry Date: June 28, 1971

Retirement Date: September 13, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations: 21, 15, 1, 2, 13, 29, 30, 19, 34, Academy, and Battalion Two Relief Officer

Likes about the Fire Department: "He" night at McLean Fire Station, Local 2068 Executive Board meetings, MDA Softball Tournaments, my brother/sister firefighters, and the sharing of our lives together.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: What it feels like being a fireman. When I'm out

and the engine/truck goes by I will turn to see who it is and wonder, at least for a while – what do they have. Breakfast with hoghead and everyone after work at the INN.

Plans for the future:

Transportation security administration at Dulles Airport.

Words of wisdom: If you stand up and are counted you may get knocked down, but a man knocked down by an opponent can get up again, a man flattened by conformity stays down for good. Also, it is not just what is on your paper resume' that makes you qualified for a position. It's how you approach problems and what your values are.

What got you interested in the fire service? Chief George Alexander explained that there were job openings and I was looking for a job. Who would have thought it would have turned into a career.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jeff Jenkins, Wally Cockrell, Dave Carpenter, Pete Dodd, Chris Raabe, Earl Rice, Carl Plaugher, Bert the Bulldog Bill Spalding, Jim Small, and Jack Akre.



**Deputy Chief
Clark O. Martin, Jr.**

Entry Date: October 1, 1973

Retirement Date: August 9, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations: 12, 3, 8, 26, Academy, Communications, BC01, Lead Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief: Division 3, A-Shift, Prevention, and Special Operations

Likes about the Fire Department:

The dedicated people, chance to make a difference on someone's worst day, chance to have a positive effect on the community, the excitement and challenge of emergency operations.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: All the dedicated people with whom I've worked coupled with a county government that has allowed it's fire and rescue department to excel.

Plans for the future: To help guide Monroe County Fire and Rescue (Florida) to becoming a consolidated combination fire and EMS delivery system. Oh, and fit in some fishing, boating, and snorkeling on my off days.

Words of wisdom: Always strive to be the best you can be. Don't take comfort in comparing yourself to others, one can always find those who can be outshone. Strive to be like those who are better than you, but don't forget to help those who aren't.

What got you interested in the fire service? My mother claimed it was the wail of Engine 14's siren coming through my bedroom window where I slept as an infant in Jacksonville, Florida, as they responded many times down Hershell Boulevard, a block behind our house.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Danny Boatwright, Clavin Wilkinson, Bobby Vaughn (Henrico County); Julian Taliaferro (Charlottesville Fire Department); Bill Bianchi, Stewart Fox, Rick Graham, David Carpenter, Tommy Hunsberger, Lonnie MacDonald, Bill Schumm, Glenn Gaines, Steve Smith, John Kimball, Mark Wheatley, Ed Stinnette, Mike Neuhard, Erick Lamar, Will Snyder, and Carl Plaugher.



**Captain I
Thomas J. Schwartz**

Entry Date: June 19, 1989

Retirement Date: September 20, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Station's: 3, 33, 17, 14, 27, 8, 38, 18, and 24

Likes about the Fire Department:

Saving lives, helping people in times of crisis. Being part of the fire house family.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Fire house family and doing the dishes.

Plans for the future: National involvement in emergency management planning and response. Weekends off with my family, and kayaking and time at the beach.

Words of wisdom: Be safe. Serve your brothers and sisters as you would your own family or in my case as sons and daughters. What you learn you must pass on, don't hold it back.

What got you interested in the fire service? Growing up in Washington, D.C., area where most people were either cops or firefighters for D.C. on the street we lived on.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Lieutenant Danny Irvine, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department; Harvey Grant, Leo Schwartz, U.S. DOT/ NTHSA; Chief Gene Dailey, Fairfax City, Station 3; and Butch Weadon, Montana State Fire Programs.



**Battalion Chief
Larry B. Johnson**

Entry Date: August 1, 1966

Retirement Date: November 29, 2002

Assignments: 13, 10, 9, 17, 18, 21, 15, 1, Battalion 1, 2, 3, 5, and Technical Services, and Duty Public Information Officer

Likes about the Fire Department:

The camaraderie developed with the people I have worked with, friendships that will never be forgotten, responding to emergencies and helping people in their time of need, the pleasure that you get helping people, and knowing that you did a good job.

Will miss about the Fire Department:

The fire department family that I have developed over the years and friends that you can trust and depend on. The BS sessions in the coffee room on the fifth floor.

Plans for the future: Rest and relaxation, being with my wife and children and grandchildren. Some traveling and just take it easy for a while.

Words of wisdom: Be yourself, study hard and strive to do the very best job you can. Communicate with your officers and fellow firefighters, discuss issues before they become problems.

What got you interested in the fire service? Volunteer at Mount Vernon eight years prior to joining the career staff.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Dallas Phillips Sr., Jack Akre, Sonny Flynn, and Robert Woofenden-got a quarter (most people will not know what "got a quarter" means).

Retirements

Joseph W. Beavers
August 21, 1972 - August 21, 2002

William L. Bullock
January 3, 1977 - September 20, 2002

Paul A. Carrico
June 28, 1971 - September 13, 2002

Beverly F. Carroll
October 15, 1974 - November 29, 2002

Steven F. Edwards
March 18, 1974 - November 1, 2002

Dennis W. Groves
July 17, 1978 - August 10, 2002

Larry B. Johnson
August 1, 1966 - November 29, 2002

John G. Kessel
April 1, 1974 - November 29, 2002

Clark O. Martin Jr.
October 1, 1973 - August 9, 2002

Michael J. Piantedosi
February 28, 1977 - November 29, 2002

Derrick A. Smith
February 12, 1979 - August 28, 2002

Thomas J. Schwartz
June 19, 1989 - September 20, 2002

Edward G. Wine
November 18, 1968 - November 29, 2002

Steven F. Yurchik
October 15, 1974 - October 18, 2002

Anniversaries

5 Years

Leonard C. Allen, Sr.
Motor Mechanic Supervisor
Anthony M. Clayborn
Automotive Mechanic II

15 Years

Master Technician James R. Bookwalter, Jr.
Firefighter Hugh S. Boyle
Master Technician John L. Capps
Lieutenant Thomas M. Connolly
Master Technician James L. Dennis
Technician Anthony E. Doran
Technician James M. Hayes
Lieutenant Todd M. Marshall
Technician Todd D. Price
Captain I Brian P. Rooney
Lieutenant Peter M. Sherwood
Technician David D. Sweetland

New Hires

Kathy A. Averys
Carlton D. Barnes
Eric J. Bartholomew
Christopher M. Blair
Maximiliano A. Chamorro
Ben G. Coffman
Andrew P. Devlin
Brian C. Edmonston
Terrance L. Ewell
Sarah M. Goldman
Ferris A. Hayward
Danica L. Henry
Claude R. Johnson, Jr.
Meridith C. King
Duane E. Lawrence
Shannon E. Morse
Laura E. Pollard
Annita L. Reynolds
Serge L. Sagna
Robert C. Schoenberger
Ronald S. Seghetti
Robert T. Seward
Paul T. Smith
Giovanni Vasquez
James D. Yoon





Station Profile

Seven Corners Fire and Rescue Station #28

Captain II
John L. Everett
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1977

Station specialty: Boat

Square miles in first due area: 3.1

Specific hazardous/target areas: Schools, Home Depot, and light industrial.

Total calls in 2001: 3,792

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, ambulance, boat, and medic reserve.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I John W. Morris**, Lieutenant Forrest E. Verhine, Technician Kevin P. Edwards, Technician Kenneth M. Laverock, Technician Christopher N. Lee, Firefighter Jorge F. Arias, Firefighter Martin Tasker, and Firefighter Warren J. Trice. **B-Shift:** **Captain II John L. Everett**, Technician Carl E. Jones, Technician Mark O. Thompson, Firefighter Mack E. Baugh, Firefighter Alex E. Stewart, and Firefighter Jeffrey Ware. **C-Shift:** **Captain I Thomas J. Wealand**, Technician Sunnie Cardwell, Technician Robert M. Garza, Technician Joseph M. Laun, Firefighter John M. Hoffman, Firefighter Thomas A. Kidd, and Firefighter Kimberly A. Kuranda.

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